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> Charles Green Green Family Winery 3420 Pine Ridge Lane Auburn, CA 95603

NOTICE OF APPLICABILITY OF RESOLUTION NO. R5-2003-0106 GREEN FAMILY WINERY, PLACER COUNTY

Regional Board staff has reviewed your 13 December 2005 Report of Waste Discharge (RWD) for coverage under Regional Board Resolution No. R5-2003-0106, *Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements for Small Food Processors, Including Wineries, Within the Central Valley Region.* The RWD included a Notice of Non-Applicability for compliance with the storm water General Permit and an \$872 filing fee. Our review finds the RWD to be complete.

Resolution No. R5-2003-0106 (a copy of which is enclosed) is a conditional waiver of waste discharge requirements for small food processors, including wineries. Based on the information you have submitted, the discharge as described in the RWD satisfies the general and specific conditions of Resolution No. R5-2003-0106 for the current amount of grapes crushed and wastewater produced.

Discharge Description

The Green Family Winery is a small winery owned and operated by Mr. Charles Green. The winery is located on a 3.74-acre parcel (Parcel No. 026-270-035) at 3420 Pine Ridge Lane in Auburn, Placer County and contains approximately 2.5 acres of vineyard. The winery building consists of a 960 square foot barn and two concrete crush pads located at each end of the winery building. Each of the pads are equipped with drains that are connected via a flexible hoses to perforated piping located within the vineyard. The perforated piping is then moved to various locations within the vineyard to spread out the wastewater and to limit ponding. The RWD states that winery operations are suspended during a rain event.

The winery will crush approximately 10 to 12 tons of grapes per year producing approximately 650 cases of wine annually. The Discharger has estimated that approximately 5,200 gallons of winery process wastewater will be produced on an annual basis. This estimated volume of wastewater consists of (a) 1,200 gallons per year from the wine press and other processing equipment, (b) 3,500 gallons per year from barrel washing, and (c) 500 gallons per year from various washing tasks.

The Discharger has estimated that approximately 1,500 pounds of solids (pressed grape hulls and seeds) will be produced annually, assuming that approximately 10 to 12 tons of grapes are crushed each year. This solid waste is transported to a neighboring property and placed in troughs to be used as cattle feed.

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Conditional Waiver

Based on the information submitted in the RWD and subsequent information provided by the Discharger, the discharge as described above satisfies the general and specific conditions of Resolution No. R5-2003-0106 for the projected volume of wastewater and process solids produced. Therefore, this letter serves as formal notice that Resolution No. R5-2003-0106 is applicable and waste discharge requirements for this facility are waived.

Enclosed is a copy of Resolution No. R5-2003-0106 and the associated monitoring and reporting program. As described therein, an annual monitoring report that contains the information described in Items No. 2 and 6 of the monitoring and reporting program must be submitted by **1 February** of each year.

If the discharge violates the terms or conditions of the waiver, the Regional Board may take enforcement action, including assessment of administrative civil liability. If the volume of waste increases beyond 5,200 gallons per year, or the method of winery wastewater and solids disposal change from those described in the RWD, you must submit a new RWD. Please note that the waiver will expire on 11 July 2008, at which time you must submit a new RWD with a filing fee to renew the waiver, or cease the discharge.

If you have any questions, please contact Guy Childs at (916) 464-4648.

--Original Signed By--

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enc: General Order No. R5-2003-0106

cc: w/o enc Brad Banner, Placer County Department of Environmental Health, Auburn